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In re: Terrell B. Jones  
Appl. No. 09/438,957  
Filed November 19, 1999  
Title: DEMAND AGGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Art Unit: 3627

Please process the attached Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (1 page), with attached Amendment (14 pages) and related amendment pages (related applications Nos. 10/289,327 and 10/289,328) (2 pages) and fax confirmation of receipt to 704-444-1111. Thank you.

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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application Nos.: 09/438,957, 10/289,327, and 10/289,328 First Named Applicant: Jones  
 Examiner: Rena Dye Art Unit: 3627 Status of Application: Pending

**Tentative Participants:**

(1) Kevin Ransom (2) Trent Kirk

**Proposed Date and Time of Interview:** To be determined by the Examiner

**Type of Interview Requested:**

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

**Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:** ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: Amendment to parent Application No. 09/438,957 filed June 14, 2004, and proposed amended claims of related Application Nos. 10/289,327 and 10/289,328.

**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejection</u> (09/438,957)	<u>1-9, 23-34</u>	<u>Alaia et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Rejection</u> (10/289,328)	<u>10, 16</u>	<u>Alaia et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>Rejection</u> (10/289,327)	<u>13, 19</u>	<u>Alaia et al.</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Respective claims of each of the applications have been amended. We would like to discuss all three applications since Alaia is being cited in each of the related applications. The arguments made in the Amendment filed in parent Application No. 09/438,957 will be substantially similar to those arguments in each of the related applications.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:**

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

  
 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

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Appl. No.: 10/289,327 Confirmation No.: 9599  
Applicant(s): Terrell B. Jones  
Filed: November 7, 2002  
Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: Rena L. Dye  
Title: DEMAND AGGREGATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Docket No.: 023895/257042  
Customer No.: 00826

13. (Currently Amended) A method for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, the method comprising the steps performed by a data processing system, of:  
~~receiving~~ aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of items based on  
input requests from ~~from~~ [[by]] a plurality of users;

providing a plurality of suppliers with a notification reflecting the demand information;

receiving one or more package responses from suppliers, each package response representing a supplier's offering intended by the supplier to satisfy the demand;

notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

19. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, comprising:

means for ~~receiving~~ aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of items based on input requests from ~~from~~ [[by]] a plurality of users;

means for providing a plurality of suppliers with a notification reflecting the demand information;

means for receiving one or more package responses from suppliers, each package response representing a supplier's offering intended by the supplier to satisfy the demand;  
and

means for notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

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Appl. No.: 10/289,328 Confirmation No.: 9594  
Applicant(s): Terrell B. Jones  
Filed: November 7, 2002  
Art Unit: 3627  
Examiner: Rena L. Dye  
Title: DEMAND AGGREGATION AND  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Docket No.: 023895/257039  
Customer No.: 00826

10. (Currently Amended) A method for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, the method comprising the steps performed by a data processing system, of:  
receiving-aggregating information reflecting demand for a set of items based on input requests from ~~[[by]]~~ a plurality of users;  
accessing a memory for information on a plurality of suppliers and their offerings to identify suppliers having offerings capable of satisfying the demand;  
generating one or more package responses, each package response reflecting offerings of at least one of the identified suppliers;  
notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating and satisfying demand for items, comprising:  
means for ~~receiving-aggregating~~ information reflecting demand for a set of items based on input requests from ~~[[by]]~~ a plurality of users;  
means for accessing a memory for information on a plurality of suppliers and their offerings to identify suppliers having offerings capable of satisfying the demand;  
means for generating one or more package responses, each package response reflecting offerings of at least one of the identified suppliers;  
means for notifying each of the plurality of users of each package response using stored information identifying a location to address any package responses to each of the user.